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# NEWS RELEASE

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### **Organized Retail Theft Ring Stopped**

On Friday September 7, 2012 Detectives from the Beaverton Police Department and the Portland Police Bureau executed search warrants at two residents in Multnomah County.

The search warrants were served after an extensive investigation that began in May, 2012. This investigation was started by Beaverton Detectives who then asked for the assistance of detectives from the Portland Police Bureau.

The investigation started with the reported theft of a guitar from Guitar Center located in Beaverton, with a value of \$2,750.00. An employee discovered the guitar missing and located it on EBay. This information was given to Beaverton Police detectives who discovered that the suspects had taken in over \$1,000,000.00 in sales on EBay since the accounts were created in 2008. It is believed that all of this profit was made from the sale of stolen property.

During the investigation detectives determined that there were four subjects that were actively involved in the theft and sale of high end guitars, cameras, computers and recreation accessories. These items would be stolen from a variety of retail stores, then listed on EBay and sold to unsuspecting people. The items were listed under retail price, but not so low that you might suspect it was stolen.

After the search warrants were executed there was stolen property located at both residences.  
9000 block of SE Knapp St. Portland Oregon  
16000 block of NE Glisan St. Gresham Oregon

Two of the suspects were arrested and are identified as:  
Ramuiel "Ryan" A. Talpas 30 years old of Gresham.  
Daniel Dan 32 years old of Portland

The Beaverton Police Department would like to thank the following business and Law Enforcement agencies that assisted with this lengthy investigation.

Portland Police Bureau, Tigard Police Department, Snohomish Sheriff's Office, United States Postal Inspectors, Guitar Center, Safeway, Target,

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